

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A hermetic compressor comprising:

a hermetic container;

a suction pipe ~~including~~including;

a large diameter part having a first substantially constant diameter and an ~~opening and~~opening;

a small diameter part having a second substantially constant diameter and connected to an external refrigerating ~~system~~system; and

a transition part connecting the large diameter part with the small diameter part.

wherein the suction pipe ~~being is~~ fixed with the hermetic container, and the opening of the large diameter part ~~opening to~~is located at an inside of the hermetic container;

a compressing mechanism being accommodated inside the hermetic container; and

a suction muffler for forming a muffling space communicated with the compressing mechanism, ~~the suction muffler being provided with an inlet opening~~mechanism; and

an inlet opening provided in the suction muffler, the inlet opening communicating the muffling space with an inside space of the hermetic container and closely facing container, the inlet opening spaced from the opening of the large diameter part of the suction pipe by a gap, the gap located at the inside of the

hermetic container and communicating with the inside space of the hermetic container.

2. (Original) The hermetic compressor according to claim 1,  
  
wherein an opening area of the large diameter part is larger than an opening area of the inlet opening.
3. (Original) The hermetic compressor according to claim 1,  
  
wherein the inlet opening is protruded from an outer surface of the suction muffler.
4. (Original) The hermetic compressor according to claim 1,  
  
wherein a distance from the opening of the large diameter part to the small diameter part is larger than an internal diameter of the large diameter part.
5. (Original) The hermetic compressor according to claim 1,  
  
wherein the compressing mechanism includes a cylinder and a piston reciprocating inside the cylinder.
6. (Original) The hermetic compressor according to claim 5,  
  
wherein volume of the large diameter part is at least 0.1 times and at most 0.6 times of volume in the cylinder from a bottom dead center of the piston to a top dead center of the piston.
7. (Original) The hermetic compressor according to claim 1,  
  
wherein a distance between the inlet opening and the opening of the large diameter part is at least 0.3 times and at most 1.0 times of a diameter of the inlet opening.
8. (New) The hermetic compressor according to claim 1,

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wherein the inlet opening is included in a pipe extending into an inside of the suction muffler and having another opening at the inside of the suction muffler.